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PRESSURE ON DODD IS DENIED BY KLEIN

Public Relations Man Gives
Reply to Senate Testimony

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BONN, June 23—Julius Klein, the public relations man, denied today that he had pressed Senator Thomas J. Dodd, Democrat of Connecticut, to travel to West Germany on his behalf two years ago.

Mr. Klein said that a statement made yesterday in testimony before the Senate ethics committee by James P. Boyd Jr., Senator Dodd's former administrative assistant, was "not proper."

Mr. Boyd, as the first witness in an investigation of misconduct charges against Senator Dodd, said that the Senator had told him he made the trip to Germany because Mr. Klein "has been pressing me and pressing me."

"Nobody can pressure Senator Dodd, not even a close friend like me," Mr. Klein declared in an interview here today.

What did happen, Mr. Klein said, is that he "asked" Senator Dodd if, when he went to Germany, he would explain to West German officials the difference between a Senate hearing and a criminal trial.

Appeared Before Committee

In 1963 Mr. Klein had been a witness before Senator J. W. Fulbright's Foreign Relations Committee regarding his activities as a registered agent of a foreign power.

"It is no secret that Fulbright doesn't like me," Mr. Klein continued. "I was treated as if I were on trial. This was damaging my reputation in Germany where they thought that a foreign agent was some kind of spy and that I was being investigated by the C. I. A."

"I therefore asked Senator Dodd and other Senators who went to Germany to tell them what being a witness at a Senate hearing really means," Mr. Klein said.

Mr. Klein said that other Senators had, in fact, acceded to his request to explain his role in the Senate hearings to contacts in Germany. He declined, however, to reveal the names of such Senators.

"I am not going to drag any more names into this," he said. "I think it would be unfair. It



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IN CONTROVERSY: Julius Klein, Chicago public relations executive. Senator Thomas J. Dodd is charged by two Washington columnists with having aided his professional interests.

would only expose them to slander and libel. If the Senate ethics committee asks me to name those Senators I will tell them to write to all the Senators themselves."

Mr. Klein is in Germany to see industrial clients of his Chicago public relations concern, he explained, and to visit his wife, who is in a clinic in Munich.

The only official he has seen is his "old friend" Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the former Chancellor, Mr. Klein said. He said Dr. Adenauer had given him an inscribed copy of his memoirs. Mr. Klein asserted that he had never asked Dr. Adenauer or members of his Government for professional help and that they had never given him any. He added that he had no relationship at all with members of the present Administration in Bonn.